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Dear Ms. Vicky Lau,

Provided below is information an U.S. EPA employee was provided yesterday while in Victoria, Texas. EPA Community Liaisons have been distributing information throughout the areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Mold in a Hotel

Hello Ms. Blackburn,

I am forwarding a complaint we received about a hotel in Port Lavaca, Texas. We received a complaint via the Texas Department of State Health Services. DSHS received a call from someone staying at the Americas Best Value Inn located at 2100 N. Hwy 35 in Port Lavaca. Complainant stated the room was in horrible condition with wet carpet and mold. The complaint was forwarded to our office September 14<sup>th</sup>. On September 28<sup>th</sup> I stopped by the location. I drove around the building and noticed all the rooms on the second floor on the back side of the building had roof damage (room numbers 231-251) and rooms 217 and 219. I asked to speak to the manager, Fisher Hwang but he was not available. I left my contact information and have not received a call. I asked the person working the front desk if they have families staying in the hotel because they were displaced due to the hurricane and he replied yes. He checked his computer system and there were no rooms

that were blocked off due to structural damage.

Thank you,

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